

Amendments to the Claims

Without prejudice, this listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1 -33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) A method for playing a game of chance, comprising:

receiving a game ticket, wherein the game ticket includes substrate having an obverse and a reverse side, a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the obverse side in an array, the array including a plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including a number of playing game pieces, and a removable material having a surface that is disposed over so as to conceal the plurality of playing game pieces, wherein a plurality of unique indicia is disposed on the surface of the removable material so that the plurality of unique indicia corresponds to the plurality of panels;

receiving a first drawing event designation, wherein the first drawing event designation includes a designation of a subset of the plurality of panels to be used in game play;

receiving a selection of a plurality of winning game pieces after a participant has received a game ticket, wherein the selection of the winning game pieces is external to the game ticket.

35. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein the plurality of playing game pieces comprises a series of integers.

36. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein the number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is at least three.

37. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 36, wherein the number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is three.

38. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 36, wherein the number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is four.

39. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34 further comprising:

revealing all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed under a combination of playing panels, said combination of playing panels including some but not all of the plurality of panels, wherein said combination of playing panels is unique to each drawing event of a plurality of lottery-type drawing events.

40. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 39, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in at least three of the plurality of panels are revealed.

41. (Previously Amended) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 40, wherein the at least three of the plurality of panels are consecutive.

42. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as, recited in claim 41, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in three of the plurality of panels are revealed.

43. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 41, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in four of the plurality of panels are revealed.

44. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein one or more of the plurality of game pieces comprises a free space.

45. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, the method further comprising:

- receiving instructions for using the game ticket in conjunction with at least two types of lottery-type drawing events, wherein the instructions are disposed on the ticket;

- providing a name of a lottery-type event on the game ticket;

- providing a day of the week and time during which the lottery-type drawing event takes place;

- providing an indicia of ownership and intellectual property rights of an owner or sponsor of the game;

- indicating a playing life of the game ticket on the game ticket, wherein the playing life includes a range of lottery-type drawing event dates where the game ticket may be played; and

- providing a means for authenticating the game ticket.

46. (Previously Presented) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 45, wherein providing the means for authenticating the game ticket is selected from a group consisting of:

concealing a validation symbol that is disposed on the game ticket, wherein the plurality of panels is associated with a unique verification symbol that is revealed along with the playing game pieces;

coding a validation symbol comprising a plurality of lines of varying thickness that can be read by a reader; wherein said coded validation symbol is unique to the game ticket; and

providing a batch control number.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 further comprising: selecting a plurality of winning game pieces.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 further comprising: awarding a prize based on the number of winning lines on the game ticket.

49. (Previously Presented) A method for facilitating a game of chance comprising:

providing a game ticket, wherein the game ticket includes
a substrate, having an obverse and a reverse side,
a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the obverse side of the lottery ticket in an array, the array including a plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including a number of playing game pieces, and a removable material having a surface, wherein the removable material is disposed over the plurality of playing game pieces so as to conceal the plurality of playing game pieces, wherein a plurality of unique indicia is disposed on the surface of the removable material so that the plurality of unique indicia corresponds to the plurality of panels;

providing a first drawing event designation, wherein the first drawing event designation includes a designation of the panels to be used in game play;

randomly selecting a plurality of winning game pieces after the game ticket is provided, wherein the random selection is external to the game ticket.

50-52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously Presented) The method of playing the lottery game of claim 34, further comprising:

receiving a second drawing event designation, wherein the second drawing event designation designates a second subset of the plurality panels for play, wherein the second subset of the plurality of panels are distinct from the subset of panels designated in the first drawing event designation.

54. (Previously Presented) The method for playing the game of chance of claim 34 wherein

receiving a selection of a plurality of winning game pieces includes receiving a selection event designation, wherein the the selection event designation designates at least one event to select the plurality of winning game pieces.

55. (Previously Presented) The method for facilitating the game of chance of claim 49, further comprising:

providing a second drawing event designation, wherein the second drawing event designation designates a second subset of the plurality of

panels for play, wherein the second subset of the plurality of panels are distinct from the subset of panels designated in the first drawing event designation.

56. (Previously Presented) The method for facilitating the game of chance of claim 49, further comprising:

providing a selection device to select a plurality of winning game pieces.

57. (Previously Presented) The method for facilitating the game of chance of claim 49, further comprising:

providing a selection event designation, wherein the selection event designation designates at least one event to select the plurality of winning game pieces.

58-61. (Cancelled)

62. (Previously Presented) The method of in claim 34, wherein the selection of the plurality of winning game pieces is received through multiple drawings of winning game pieces.

63. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 62, wherein the multiple drawings take place within a playing life of a game ticket.

64. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 49, wherein the plurality of winning game pieces are randomly selected in multiple drawings.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the multiple drawings take place within a playing life of a game ticket.